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CITIZENS FOR PEACE
Minutes
February 9, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a welcome by President, Colleen Mills.

Special Presentation:

Colleen introduced Kathy Henning, a CFP member, who has practiced meditation for over thirty years. She led us in a Peaceful Meditation in keeping with our theme for the evening – “Love & Peace”. The members focused on their breath – which Kathy stated is a bridge from the inner world to the outer world. The 20 minute meditation concluded with the members focusing on blessing others and being grateful.

Colleen and the members thanked Kathy for the wonderful meditation experience. Colleen also noted how grateful the Citizens for Peace are, to have been able to meet at the Livonia Unity for the past six years. She then introduced Reverend Dennis Skiles, who has served Unity of Livonia for several years who was here to share his thoughts on Love and Peace.

Reverend Skiles mentioned how serendipitous the formation of this group has been. When initially approached to meet here, he was greatly impacted with this idea that living a peaceful life and promoting a Department of Peace. It was a practical way of life.

He shared a little about his childhood background, experiences serving in the Viet Nam War and working in the Stock Market utilizing his Economics degree. Through it all, he said, the glue that bonds us together is Love. We all gather information throughout our lives, each in our unique life experiences, which result in our Human Race Consciousness. Meditation can bring us to a quiet place of reflection. Our intuitive nature allows us to grow and experience the creative source of Love. He read a verse from the Bible, from the book of Jeremiah, regarding Faith and Trust and the Tree and River of Life, which are the essence of Love. When this Love springs forth, it is Peace. He reminded us that our energy and optimism spreads this Peace to others.

Colleen and the members thanked Reverend Skiles for sharing his thoughts this evening and thanked him again, for this wonderful meeting place.

Announcements:

- Please sign up to help with the DoP Midwest Regional Conference, May 14-16, here in our district. There will be much to do and any help will be appreciated. Volunteer sign-up sheets were circulated.
- Education Dir., Rosemary Doyle spoke about the status of the Library Peace Collection and the Peace Essay Contest, to be held in April.
- Secretary, Linda Lieder, is collecting dues for the 2010 year - \$20.00.
- Colleen said we now have a few copies of the “Better World Shopping Guide” available for purchase. It rates companies, and their products, on how they positively/negatively impact our world.
- Slips of paper, listing books from our Peace Collection, were passed around in a basket, with the hope that members will read some of the books this year. Linda L. mentioned that at our September meeting, members can share what they have read.

Colleen thanked all in attendance for coming this evening.
The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.